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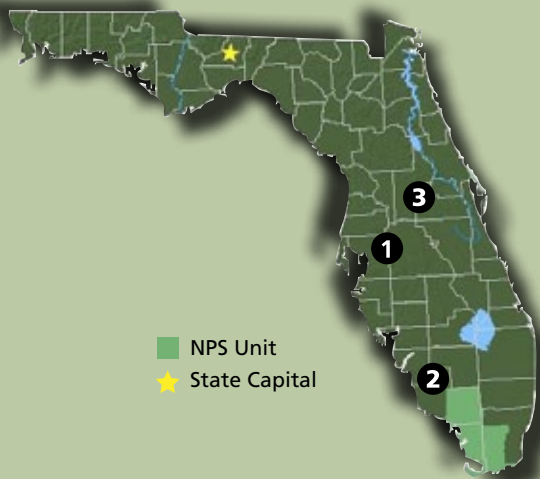
Enjoying the Florida Saltwater Paddling Trail

Recent Successes

Paddlers Log On Before Heading Out

Jacksonville, FL - An innovative partnership has resulted in an online guide for paddling trails in the salt marsh, estuarine, and sea island ecosystems of four rivers located in the Timucuan Trails State and National Parks.

Timucuan Trails State and National Parks is a ground breaking formal partnership created in 1999 between federal, state, city, private, and corporate landowners in an area that provides visitors with seamless experiences across adjoining management areas. RTCA assisted in a comprehensive paddling guide and worked with the partnership to prepare information for the Florida Circumnavigation Saltwater Paddling Trail (see www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/paddling/saltwater.htm). RTCA worked with partners on the creation of the layout, text, and maps for the guide.



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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Manatee Mineral Springs Heritage Park
Reflections of Manatee, Inc.
2. River of Grass Greenway
Naples Pathway Coalition
3. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River
Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.

Find out more about each project on page 2.



We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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2010 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,251 Miles of Trail Developed

1,694 Miles of River Conserved

25,370 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

Find more information online at

www.nps.gov/rtca



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Current Projects

1. Manatee Mineral Springs Heritage Park

Location: Bound by Manatee Avenue, the Manatee River, 11th Street East, and 14th Street East, Bradenton, Manatee County
Congressional District: 11
Project Partner: Reflections Manatee, Inc.
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Project Goal

Facilitate development of a conceptual plan with community support. Develop a grant application to the Florida Communities Trust and secure funding for the necessary acquisition of land to make this park a reality. Numerous acres already in the park area are currently in public and non-profit ownership.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in the coordination and facilitation of networking, planning, and team building with various partners associated with the project. RTCA will also assist in grant writing to help in land acquisition, park planning, and development of the site.

2. River of Grass Greenway

Location: Everglades City and Collier County to Miami-Dade County
Congressional District: 25
Project Partner: Naples Pathway Coalition
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Project Goal

Form a steering committee, hold a series of public workshops, and prepare a conceptual plan/feasibility study based on a high degree of public involvement. The greenway will be approximately 75 miles long, with a separate hardsurface trail that will parallel U.S. 41, connecting Collier and Miami-Dade Counties

RTCA Role

Develop a conceptual plan for the

greenway, possibly including a trail system design. Conduct community outreach, including facilitation of public meetings.

3. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River

Location: The 42.6 mile Wekiva River System, consisting of the Wekiva River and its tributaries, located northwest of Orlando, Florida within Orange, Seminole, and Lake Counties
Congressional District: 3
Project Partner: Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine

Project Goal

Protect Outstandingly Significant Resources throughout the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System through the development of a plan with consensus and buy in from the multitude of stakeholders and partners who serve on the Federal Advisory Committee for this River System.

RTCA Role

Assist in the master plan for the Wekiva River System and also help produce marketing and educational materials regarding the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River to educate the public and governing officials.



Not everything is flat in Florida!
Santos Biking Trails